

Dark Energy as a cosmic scalar field

$\phi$ : a pioneer for new physics!

Zeldovich: most important field for cosmology

"QUINTESSENCE"  $\mathcal{L}_\phi = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi)$  [RL 474  
PRL 80 1582 (1998)]

quick list of examples

$$V = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2, M^4 (1 + \cos \phi/f), M^{4+n} \phi^{-n}, \dots$$

examples nearly as numerous as models of inflation  
[many REFS.]

Properties / Problems

Since we require  $w \approx -1$ , then  $\dot{\phi}^2 \ll V$

non-clustering, then  $w = \sqrt{V''} \lesssim H$

dominant  $V \approx M_p^2 H^2$

$$\text{so } \frac{V''}{V} \frac{4}{\Lambda^2} M_p^2 \approx 1$$

which for  $V = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2$  means  $\phi \approx M_p$

EXTREME!

It is a challenge to build a particle physics model of such a light field, which has Planckian  $\phi$ , and remain DARK

[Carron, PRL 81, 3067 (1998); Polci hep-ph/0009030;  
Kobayashi + Lythe PLB 458, 197 (1999)]

## EQUATION OF STATE

$$w = \frac{P}{\rho} \quad (\text{NOT A TRUE E.D.S. SINCE } \rho, P \text{ ARE HOMOG.})$$

reverse engineer = given  $w(a)$

$$\rho(a) = \rho(a_0) \exp \left[ 3 \int_a^{a_0} \frac{da'}{a'} (1+w(a')) \right]$$

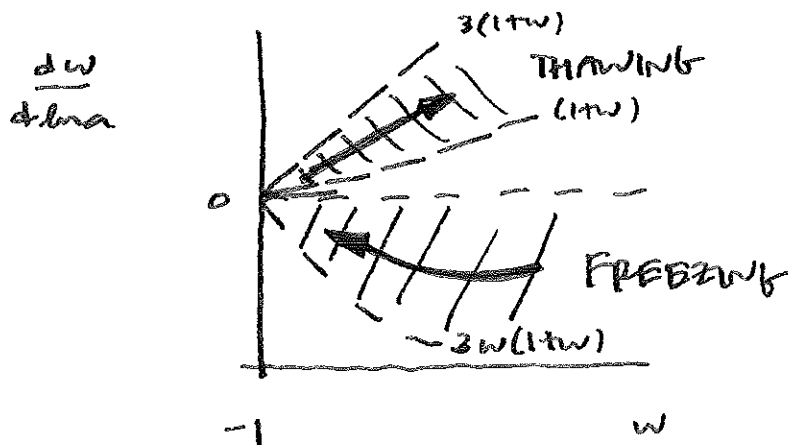
SIMPLISTIC:  $w = \text{constant}$ ,  $\rho = \rho_0 \left( \frac{a_0}{a} \right)^{3(1+w)}$

POPULAR MODEL:  $w(a) = w_0 + w_a (1 - a/a_0)$

use to diagnose for  $w' \neq 0$

$$\text{so } \rho = \rho_0 \left( \frac{a_0}{a} \right)^{3(1+w_0+w_a)} \exp \left[ 3w_a \left( \frac{a_0}{a} - 1 \right) \right]$$

## BROAD CLASSIFICATION: THAWING VS. FREEZING



BOUNDARIES ARE PHENO.  
BASED ON VARIOUS  
MODELS.

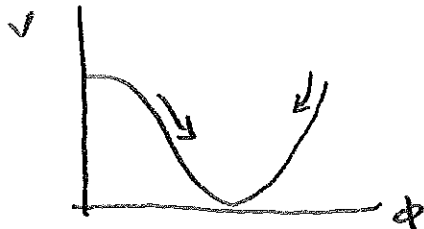
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PPL 95, 141301 (2005)

THAWING: SUGGESTS  $\frac{dw}{d \ln a} \approx c(1+w)$   $1 \leq c \leq 3$

$$\text{OR } w = -1 + (1+w_0) \left( \frac{a}{a_0} \right)^c$$

POTENTIALS

$$V = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2, \lambda(\phi^2 - \sigma^2), M^4 \left( \cos \frac{\phi}{f} + 1 \right), \dots$$



rolling slowly today

how did they start?

must choose  $\phi, \dot{\phi}$  + parameters  $\rightarrow$  DELICATE

However, H-friction damps  $\phi$  motion at early times

$$|\dot{\phi}/\phi| \ll H$$

so it seems fair to set  $\dot{\phi} \rightarrow 0$  at early times

CAN SUCH MODES "FROZEN"  $\rightarrow$  DRAWING

$$V = M^{4+n} \phi^{-n} \quad \text{"TRACKER"}$$

This model has  $w < w_B$  while  $\Omega_\phi \ll 1$

so it eventually catches up to dominate.

into the future  $w \rightarrow -1$

FREEZING

let's see:  $\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V' = 0$

use  $H = \frac{2}{3}(1+w_B)t$  &  $\phi = At^B$

show  $\dot{\phi}^2, \phi^{-n} \propto t^{-2n/(2+n)}$

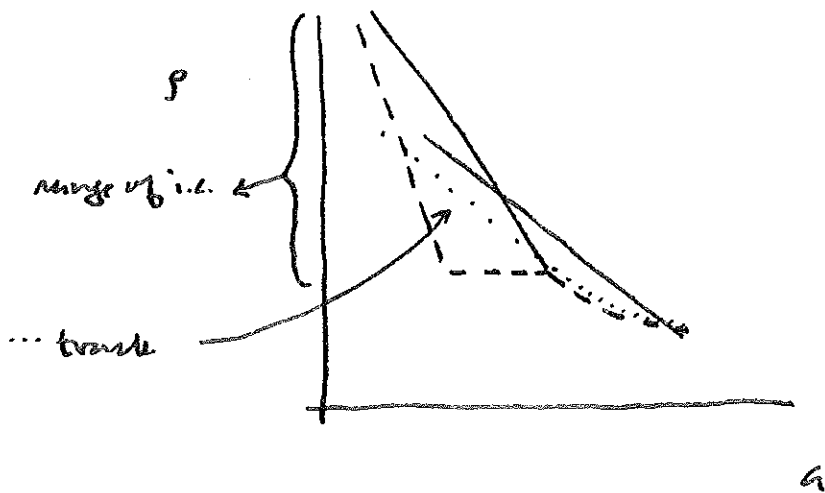
$$w = -1 - \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{H} \frac{d \ln p}{dt} = -1 + \frac{n}{2+n} (1+w_B)$$

or more generally  $w = \frac{w_B - 2(\Gamma - 1)}{1 + 2(\Gamma - 1)}$ ,  $\Gamma \equiv \frac{V'' V^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(V')^2}$

tracking conditions:  $\Gamma \approx \text{constant}$   
 $\Gamma > 1$  for  $w < w_B$

features: broad insensitivity to initial conditions  
 tracker is an attractor.

challenge: Need  $0 < w < 1$  or  $\Gamma \gg 1$  to get a  
 sufficiently negative  $w$  by today.



see Steinhardt et al., PRD59, 123504 (1999)

Further examples

$$V = \sum_{i=1}^N V_i e^{-\alpha_i \phi / M_p} \quad \text{one field, many exponential potentials}$$

suppose  $N=2$  with  $\alpha_1 > \sqrt{24\pi}$  &  $\alpha_2 < \sqrt{24\pi}$

so at early times  $\phi$  scales

" late " dominates

good example of early dark energy

$$V = \sum_i V_i e^{-\alpha_i \phi_i / M_p} \quad \text{many fields}$$

For all the fields that are in play,  $\alpha_i$ 's behave  
as a single fluid with

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_{\text{eff}}^2} = \sum_i \frac{1}{\alpha_i^2}$$

[ NOT IN PLAY?  $V_i \ll V_{\text{others}}$  ]

Asymptotic EOS:  $w \rightarrow -1 + \frac{\alpha_{\text{eff}}^2}{24\pi}$

"assisted inflation" Liddle et al, PRD58 061301 (1998)

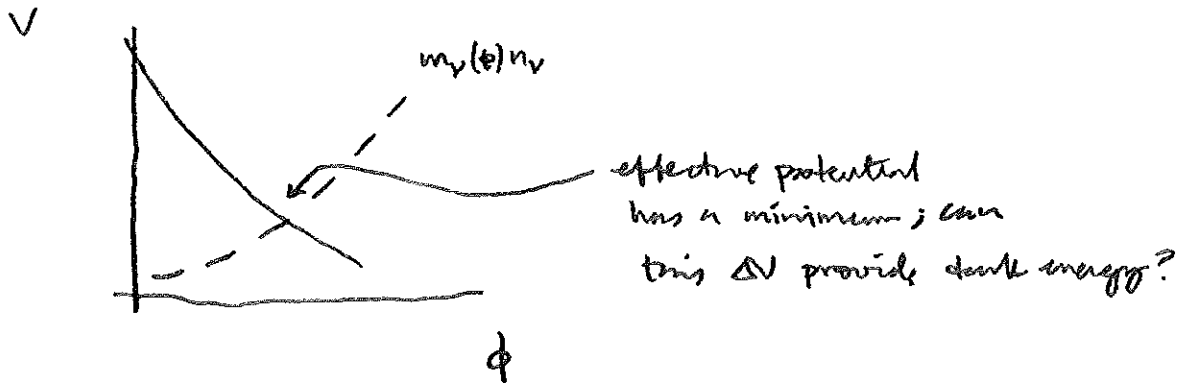
# MASS VARYING NEUTRINOS

[eg. Fundamental SCAR 0410 005 (2004)]

Suppose  $m_\nu(\phi)$  depends on a cosmic field

MODEL  $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) - m_\nu(\phi)\bar{\Psi}\Psi$

(ignore fermion kinetic term for non-rel  $\nu$ 's)



$$P_T = P_\phi + P_\nu$$

$$\dot{P}_T = \left(\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V\right)' + \dot{P}_\nu = -3H(P_T + P_T)$$

$$\ddot{\phi} + V'\dot{\phi} + \dot{P}_\nu = -3H(\dot{\phi}^2 + P_\nu)$$



$$P_\nu = m_\nu(\phi) n_\nu$$

$$\dot{P}_\nu = \frac{\partial m_\nu}{\partial \phi} \dot{\phi} n_\nu + m_\nu \dot{n}_\nu$$

$$\dot{n}_\nu = -3H n_\nu \text{ (\# } \nu \text{'s are conserved)}$$

$$\dot{\phi} \left( \ddot{\phi} + V' + 3H\dot{\phi} + \frac{\partial m_\nu}{\partial \phi} n_\nu \right) = 0$$

so  $\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V' = -Q(\phi)P_\nu$ ,  $Q = \frac{\partial \ln m_\nu}{\partial \phi}$

Now let's suppose  $\phi$  moves much  $v_T, \text{min}$

$$v_T = v + m_\nu n_\nu$$

$$\frac{\partial v_T}{\partial \phi} = v' + \frac{\partial \ln m_\nu}{\partial \phi} p_\nu \approx 0$$

$$v' = - \frac{\partial \ln m_\nu}{\partial \phi} p_\nu \rightarrow \dot{\phi}^2 \ll v_T$$

in which case  $p_T \approx v + m_\nu n_\nu$

$$= v - \frac{\partial v}{\partial \ln m_\nu}$$

and  $p_T = -v$

the eq'n of state is  $w = \frac{p_T}{\rho_T} = \frac{-v}{v + m_\nu n_\nu} = -1 + \frac{\Omega_\nu}{\Omega_\phi + \Omega_\nu}$

ACCELERATES! SUPER.

real mass?  $v'' > 0$  easily satisfied ✓

SOUND SPEED? Here is the problem

$$c_a^2 = \frac{\dot{p}}{\dot{\rho}} = \frac{(-v)'}{(v + m_\nu n_\nu)'} = \frac{(-v' \dot{\phi})}{(v' \dot{\phi} + \frac{\partial m_\nu}{\partial \phi} \dot{\phi} n_\nu + m_\nu \dot{n}_\nu)}$$

$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{cancel} & & -3H n_\nu \end{array}$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\frac{\partial m_\nu}{\partial \phi} n_\nu \dot{\phi}}{m_\nu (-3H n_\nu)} = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{\dot{\phi}}{H} \frac{\partial \ln m_\nu}{\partial \phi}$$

GENERALLY  
NEGATIVE

"adiabatic instability" ruins this scenario \*

(see Blum et al, PRD 78 023009 (2008))

Living with adiabatic instability?

If  $c_a^2$  is not too negative

Then growth of perturbations is not too fast.

~ compare  $c_a^2 k^2$  vs.  $\Omega^2$

See Corasaniti, PRD 78 083538 (2008)

This also leads to "growing Neutrino" cosmology

eg Wehrlich + Pettorino arxiv: 0905.0715

But here,  $\frac{\partial \ln m_\nu}{\partial \phi}$  is large

Large lumps of neutrinos result, so that  
non-linear effects ( $S_\nu > 1$ ) become important.



HOW NEGATIVE Eq'n of state?

"PHANTOM"

$w < -1$ ? consistent w/ SNI data

[PL, PLB 545, 23 (2002)]

violates energy condition

$\rho > 0$ ,  $p < -\rho$  in cosmic frame means  
there is a boosted frame in which  $\rho' < 0$ !

nevertheless... what would it imply?

A simple reanalysis  $\mathcal{L}_p = +\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - V$

↳ wrong sign leads to instabilities.

EOM  $\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} - V' = 0$

$\dot{\phi} = \frac{d\phi}{dt}$

so field runs up hill!



look at perturbation

STD:  $\delta\ddot{\phi} + 3H\delta\dot{\phi} + (k^2 + V'')\delta\phi = -\frac{1}{2}\ddot{h}\delta\phi$   $\dot{h} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$

Here:  $\delta\ddot{\phi} + 3H\delta\dot{\phi} + (k^2 - V'')\delta\phi = -\frac{1}{2}\ddot{h}\delta\phi$

need  $V'' < 0$

but not so bad..

$|V''| \lesssim H^2$

↳ NO INSTABILITY DUE TO DRIVING TERM

[ see  $V''$  eq'n in terms of  $w, \dot{w}$  ]

CLASSICALLY, SUCH A FIELD THEORY IS 'OK'

Big Rip

let's say  $w = \text{constant}, < -1$

$$a(t) = \begin{cases} a_m (t/t_m)^{2/3} & t < t_m \\ a_m \left[ -w + (1+w) \frac{t}{t_m} \right]^{3/(1+w)} & t > t_m \end{cases}$$

patch phantom DE into matter era.

↓  
using  $a(t)$

$$H = \frac{2}{3} \left[ -w t_m + (t)(1+w) \right]^{-1}$$

$$R = 6 \left( \frac{\dot{a}}{a} + H^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \frac{1-3w}{(-w t_m + (1+w)t)^2}$$

OBSERVE  $a(t), H(t), R(t)$  all diverge in finite time

$$t_{\text{Big Rip}} = \frac{w}{1+w} t_m$$

EVENTS PRIOR TO  $t_{\text{Big Rip}}$ : EXPANSION "FORCE" DISTURBS,  
PULLS APART OBJECTS

Further interest: "SUDDEN FUTURE SINGULARITIES" and  
other exotic behavior resulting from dark energy.

## NON-STANDARD SCALAR FIELD THEORIES

↳ essence:  $\mathcal{L}_\phi = P(\phi, \dot{\phi})$ ,  $X = -\frac{1}{2}(\dot{\phi})^2$   
 (so  $-+++$   $\rightarrow$   $X = +\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2$ )

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[ \frac{R}{16\pi G} + P(\phi, \dot{\phi}) + \mathcal{L}_m \right]$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{(\phi)} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\delta(\sqrt{g} P)}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} = P g_{\mu\nu} + P_{,X} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi$$

like a fluid with pressure  $P$

energy density  $\rho = 2X P_{,X} - P$

and 4-vel  $u_\mu = \partial_\mu \phi / \sqrt{2X}$

EQUATION OF STATE:  $w = \frac{P}{2X P_{,X} - P} = \left( 2 \frac{\partial \ln P}{\partial \ln X} - 1 \right)^{-1}$

EQUATION OF MOTION

$$\dot{\rho} = \frac{d}{dt} (2X P_{,X} - P) = 2\dot{X} P_{,X} + 2X \dot{X} P_{,XX} + 2X \dot{\phi} P_{,X\phi} - \dot{X} P_{,X} - \dot{\phi} P_{,\phi}$$

$$= -3H (2X P_{,X})$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{X} (P_{,X} + 2X P_{,XX}) + \dot{\phi} (-P_{,\phi} + 2X P_{,X\phi}) = -6H X P_{,X}$$

k-essence perturbations

v. similar to std quintessence

$$\dot{\delta} = -(1+w)(\theta + \frac{1}{2}\dot{h}) - 3H\left(\frac{\delta p}{\rho p} - w\right)\delta$$

$$\dot{\theta} = (3c_s^2 - 1)H\theta + c_s^2 k^2 \delta / (1+w)$$

$$\delta p = c_s^2 \delta p + \frac{\theta p}{k^2} \left[ 3H(1+w)(c_s^2 - w) + \dot{w} \right]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}$$

$c_s^2 = 1$  for quintessence w/ canonical kinetic term

$$c_s^2 = \frac{P_{,X}}{2XP_{,XX} + P_{,X}} = \frac{1}{1 + 2X \frac{P_{,XX}}{P_{,X}}}$$

warning -  $c_s^2 > 1$  may occur!

EXAMINE THE PERTURBED HAMILTONIAN

$$H = (P_{,x} + 2XP_{,xx}) \frac{(\delta q)^2}{2} + P_{,x} \frac{(\sqrt{\delta q})^2}{2} - P_{,\phi\phi} \frac{(\delta\phi)^2}{2}$$

$$H \geq 0 \text{ IF } \xi_1 \equiv P_{,x} + 2XP_{,xx} \geq 0$$

$$\xi_2 \equiv P_{,x} \geq 0$$

$$\xi_3 \equiv -P_{,\phi\phi} \geq 0$$

$$c_s^2 = c_{s2}/c_{s1}$$

#3  $\xi_3 \geq 0$  for stability, but not essential.

$\xi_3 < 0$  leads to long-wavelength, power-law growth of perturbations which are typical in inflation, etc.

#1-2 QUANTUM STABILITY demands  $\xi_{1,2} \geq 0$  or else quinquessence will populate these negative energy, ghost states via quantum gravitational processes.

Refs: Carroll et al PRD 68 023509 (2003)

Chiu et al PRD 70 043543 (2004)

## QM STABILITY

Phantom:  $P = -X - V$

$$\xi_1 = -1 \quad \xi_2 = -1 \quad \text{looks bad!}$$

So vacuum  $\rightarrow 2\phi + 2\sigma$  will run away!

Only recourse is to cut-off properties of gravitons that mediate this decay [see Carroll et al.]

Dilatonic Ghost Condensate:  $P = -X + \frac{X^2}{M^4} e^{\lambda K \phi}$

$$\text{with } Q = \frac{X}{M^4} e^{\lambda K \phi}$$

$$\xi_1 = -1 + 6Q$$

$$\xi_2 = -1 + 2Q \geq 0 \quad \text{MEANS } Q \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

THIS ALSO ENSURES  $\xi_3^2 = \frac{2Q-1}{6Q-1}$  in  $[0, 1]$ .

Further  $w = \frac{Q-1}{3Q-1}$  so  $w \geq -1$

Despite "-X" it is not much of a ghost.

## COUPLING $\phi$ / QUINTESSENCE TO STANDARD MODEL?

In most cases, this is ruled out!

$\phi F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$  leads to variation of  $\alpha_{em}$

$\phi \bar{\Psi} \Psi$  long range force between lumps of fermions

Symmetry to prevent most coupling:  $\phi \rightarrow \phi + c$   
 that still allows derivative interactions

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^4x \sqrt{3} \phi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} &= \int d^4x \sqrt{3} 2\phi \nabla_\mu A_\nu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \\ &= \int d^4x \sqrt{3} 2 \left[ \underbrace{\nabla_\mu (\phi A_\nu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu})}_{\rightarrow 0} - \nabla_\mu (\phi \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}) A_\nu \right] \\ &= -2 \int d^4x \sqrt{3} A_\nu \nabla_\mu \phi \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{respects shift } \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$\nabla_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0$

So let's pursue this... COSMIC AXION ELECTRODYNAMICS

$$\mathcal{L}_E = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\phi}{M} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{recall } \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau}$$

MAXWELL + COSMIC FIELD:

$$\nabla_\mu F^{\mu\nu} + J^\nu + \frac{1}{M} \nabla_\mu \phi \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \nabla_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\text{and } \square\phi = v' + \frac{1}{4M} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

Maxwell's new equations ... in SI units!

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} - \frac{1}{\mu_0 c} \vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{B} \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \frac{1}{\mu_0 c^3} (\dot{\phi} \vec{B} + \vec{\nabla} \phi \times \vec{E})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \frac{D\phi}{dt} = v' - \frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

Note:  $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 (\vec{E} + \frac{\phi}{\mu_0 c} \vec{B})$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{B} - \frac{\phi}{\mu_0 c^3} \vec{E})$$

restores std form:  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$  &  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} - \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} = \vec{J}$

Interesting behavior!

Let's study EM waves, so set  $\epsilon_0 = \mu_0 = c = 1$  for now.

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{E} - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{1}{M} \left[ \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{B}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \vec{B} + \vec{\nabla} \phi \times \vec{E} \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{B} - \nabla^2 \vec{B} = \frac{1}{M} \left[ \vec{\nabla} \times \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \vec{B} + \vec{\nabla} \phi \times \vec{E} \right) \right]$$

in an expanding universe

$$\vec{B} \rightarrow a^2 \vec{B}, \quad \vec{E} \rightarrow a^2 \vec{E}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}$$



If  $\phi$  is a cosmological field, then it evolves slowly.

For EM waves with freq, wavenumber  $\omega, k$

$$\omega \gg \frac{1}{\phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \quad k \gg \frac{1}{\phi} \nabla \phi$$

In which case

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{E} - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{\dot{\phi}}{M} \left( -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{1}{M} (\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{B} - \nabla^2 \vec{B} = \frac{\dot{\phi}}{M} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{M} (\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}$$

Consider plane waves:  $E, B \propto e^{i\omega t - i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}}$

$$\vec{P} \equiv \vec{E} + i\vec{B}, \quad \vec{Q} \equiv \vec{E} - i\vec{B}$$

$$P: \omega^2 = k^2 + \left( \frac{\dot{\phi}}{M} \omega + \frac{\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{k}}{M} \right)$$

$$Q: \omega^2 = k^2 - \left( \frac{\dot{\phi}}{M} \omega + \frac{\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{k}}{M} \right)$$

Let's write  $\vec{k} = k \hat{n}$  where  $\hat{n}$  is the direction of propagation

$$\omega^2 = k^2 \pm \left( \frac{\dot{\phi}}{M} \omega + \frac{\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \hat{n}}{M} k \right)$$

$$k_{\pm} = \mp \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\dot{\phi}}{M} + \frac{\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \hat{n}}{M} \right) + \omega + O\left(\left(\frac{\dot{\phi}}{M}\right)^2\right)$$

The phase velocity of L & R-circularly polarized waves is different. For a linearly polarized wave

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{P} + \vec{Q}) = \frac{1}{2} E_0 e^{i\omega t} \left( e^{-ik_+ z} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x+i y \end{bmatrix} + e^{-ik_- z} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x-i y \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

↓

let's write  $k_{\pm} = \omega \mp Q$ ,  $Q = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d}{M} + \frac{\partial_z \phi}{M} \right)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} E_0 e^{i\omega(t-z/c)} \left( [e^{iQz} + e^{-iQz}] \hat{x} + i [e^{iQz} - e^{-iQz}] \hat{y} \right)$$

$$= E_0 e^{i\omega(t-z/c)} \left( \cos \theta \hat{x} + \sin \theta \hat{y} \right)$$

$$\theta = Qz$$

But over long distances,  $\dot{\phi}$ ,  $\partial_z \phi$  vary so that

$$\theta = \int Q dz = \frac{1}{2M} \int (\dot{\phi} + \partial_z \phi) dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{2M} \int \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \phi(t, z(t)) \right] dt$$

$$= \frac{\Delta \phi}{2M} \checkmark$$

In terms of Stokes parameters

$$\Pi = \begin{pmatrix} Q \\ U \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Pi' = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix} \Pi$$

where  $Q = |\hat{e}_1 \cdot \vec{E}|^2 - |\hat{e}_2 \cdot \vec{E}|^2$ ,  $U = 2 \operatorname{Re}[(\hat{e}_1 \cdot \vec{E})^* (\hat{e}_2 \cdot \vec{E})]$

so the rotation angle is  $\theta = \frac{\Delta \phi}{2M}$ .

This phenomena, known as COSMIC BIREFRINGENCE, is constrained by observations of CMB polarization.

CMB distinguishes two patterns of polarization

"E-type"



↑  
headless vectors, the grad  
of a scalar on the sky.

"B-type"



↑  
a swirl: curl of  
a vector on the sky

The rotation of polarization will turn  $E \rightarrow B$ ,  $B \rightarrow E$ .

The non-detection of B-type implies

$$-1.41^\circ < \Delta\theta < 0.91^\circ \quad \text{at } 95\% \text{ CL}$$

$$\text{or } \left| \frac{\Delta\theta}{M} \right| < 0.035$$

see WMAP 7, Komatsu et al, ApJ Supp. 192 18 (2011)

Fluctuations of the scalar field at last scattering can further contribute to a position (on the sky) - dependent rotation of polarization.

CONSIDER COINTEGRANCE - ELECTRO/MAGNETO-STATICS

For a cosmic field  $\frac{\dot{\phi}}{m}$ ,  $\frac{\nabla\phi}{m} \sim \hbar$  TINY!

But consider weak gravity in vicinity of Earth

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \phi_0 + 3H \frac{d}{dt} \phi_0 + V' = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \delta\phi + 3H \frac{d}{dt} \delta\phi + V'' \delta\phi - \frac{\nabla^2}{a^2} \delta\phi$$

$$= 4\dot{\phi}_0 \dot{\Phi} - 2V' \Phi$$

SINCE FORMATION OF EARTH  $\delta\phi \propto \Phi$

CONSTANT OF PROP.  $\rightarrow \delta\phi = b \Phi$

$$b + 3Hb + V''b = -2V'$$

$$b \sim 2\Delta\phi_0$$

$$\text{s.t. } \delta\phi \approx 2\Delta\phi_0 \Phi$$

$$\vec{\nabla}\delta\phi \approx -2\Delta\phi_0 \vec{g}$$

$$\hbar \frac{\nabla\delta\phi}{mc} = \hbar \epsilon_{\text{eff}} \frac{g}{c} \sim 10^{-32} \text{ GeV} \quad \checkmark$$

(IF  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}} \sim 1$ )

Return to Maxwell's Eq's

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} - \frac{\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{B}}{\mu_0 c} \rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} - \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} = - \frac{\epsilon_0}{c} \vec{g} \cdot \vec{B}$$

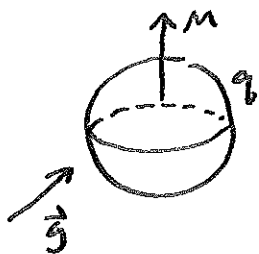
anomalous charge

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \frac{1}{\mu_0 c^2} \vec{\nabla} \phi \times \vec{E}$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} - \mu_0 \vec{J} = \frac{\epsilon_0}{c^2} \vec{g} \times \vec{B}$$

anomalous current

look at a few cases: charged and magnetized sphere



inside, due to  $\vec{E}$  (constants) there is an anomalous  $\vec{B}$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 q \epsilon_0}{20\pi R c} \left( 5\vec{g} + \frac{r^2}{R^2} \left( (\vec{g} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{r} - 2\vec{g} \right) \right)$$

assuming uniform  $q$  in radius  $R$

It points in  $\vec{g}$  direction, so if  $\vec{g}$  is not aligned with the magnetization  $\vec{M}$ , there will be a torque.

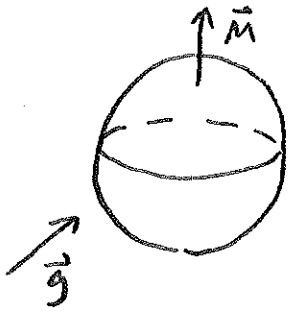
$$\vec{\tau} = \frac{2\mu_0 q \epsilon_0}{5\pi R c} \vec{M} \times \vec{g}$$

Spin-flip energy

$$\Delta E = \frac{2\mu_0 q \epsilon_0}{5\pi R c} \mu g$$

For the proton as a classical object:  $\Delta E \approx 10^{-34} \epsilon_0 \text{ GeV}$

Consider a uniformly magnetized sphere

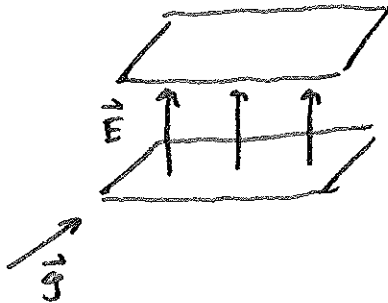


POTENTIAL DIFF.

$$\Delta V = \frac{\epsilon_0 R^2}{5c} \vec{g} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$$\approx 0.3 \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{B}{T} \right) \left( \frac{R}{0.1 \text{m}} \right)^2 \text{ nV}$$

Consider a uniform electric field



Anomalous magnetic field

$$\vec{B} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_0}{c^3} \vec{v} \times (\vec{g} \times \vec{E})$$

$$\approx 10^{-25} \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{\Delta V}{\text{volts}} \right) T$$

also see: Plebanski et al PRD 80, 105021 (2009)

Bailey + Kostelecky PRD 70, 076006 (2004)

⑫ HISTORY ?

⑩, R are derived quantities in SCM

In theories with novel matter or gravitational couplings,  
eg scalar-tensor, massive gravity,  
chameleon scalar  
there may be interesting effects

Ex.  $S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{R}{2\kappa^2} - \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) - \xi\phi^2 R + \mathcal{L}_{SM}$$

ACCEPT NO CONFORMAL TRANSFORMATIONS  
WITHOUT THE FULL LAGRANGIAN!

R vs. ⑩ MEDIATED BY  $\phi$

$$R = \kappa^2 \left[ \frac{\textcircled{10} - (\partial\phi)^2(12\xi - 1) + 4V - 12\xi\phi V'}{1 - 2\kappa^2\xi\phi^2(1 - 12\xi)} \right]$$

SPECIAL CASES:  $\xi = \frac{1}{12}, V = \lambda\phi^4$

OR  $|\xi| \gg 1, |\xi\kappa\phi| \ll 1$

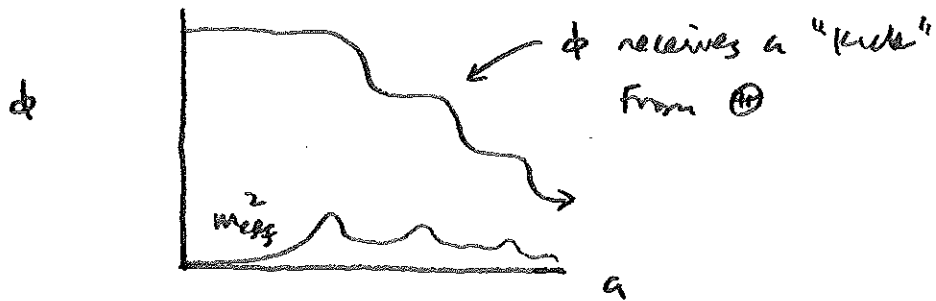
$$R = \kappa^2 \textcircled{10}$$

EOM:  $\square\phi = V' + 2\xi R\phi$

$m_{\text{eff}}^2 = V'' + 2\xi R$

↓  
 $R, \textcircled{\text{R}}$  plays special role in  
guiding evolution of  $\phi$ .

Ex:  $\xi = \frac{1}{12}, \lambda = 0$





HOW TO KEEP QUINTESSENCE "DARK"

HOW TO KEEP IT FROM COUPLING TO SM?

"CHAMELEON" SOLUTION: COUPLE STRONGLY!

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} M_p^2 R - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right] \\ + \int d^4x \sqrt{\hat{g}} \mathcal{L}_{SM}(\Psi, \hat{g})$$

$$\text{WHERE } \hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = \exp(2\beta\phi/M_p) g_{\mu\nu}$$

SO QUINTESSENCE COUPLES TO EVERYTHING, VIA  $\hat{g}$ .

$$\text{EQ'N FOR } \phi: \quad \square\phi = V' + \frac{\beta}{M_p} e^{4\beta\phi/M_p} \hat{\Theta}$$

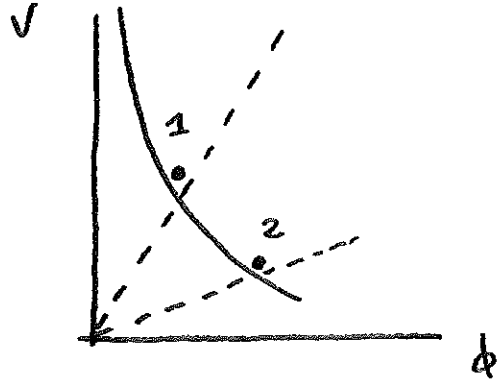
$\hat{\Theta}$  IS JORDAN (COUPLED) FRAME STRESS ENERGY TRACE (-)

$$\Theta = e^{4\beta\phi/M_p} \hat{\Theta}$$

$$\text{EFFECTIVE POTENTIAL: } V_{\text{EFF}} = V + \frac{\beta}{M_p} \phi \hat{\Theta}$$

↑  
INTERACTING ROLE FOR  $\hat{\Theta}$ .

SUPPOSE  $V \propto \phi^{-N}$



1. HIGH DENSITY REGION:

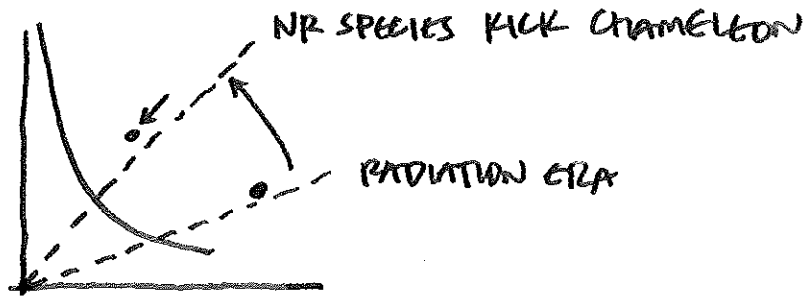
$$m_{\text{eff}}^2 = V'' \quad \text{LARGE}$$

$$U \propto \frac{1}{r} e^{-m_{\text{eff}} r} \quad \text{SHORT RANGE.}$$

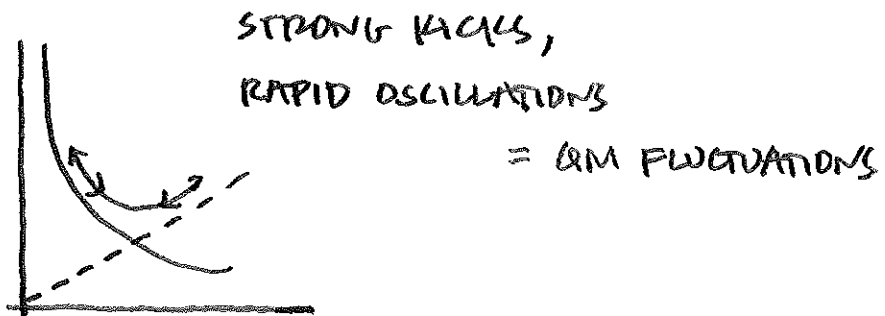
2. LOW DENSITY REGION:

SLOW ROLL  $\rightarrow$  COSMIC ACCELERATION

# COSMIC HISTORY OF $\Omega$



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